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FOR INO, SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF SHIELD 72 PRESS COVERAGE (U). REF
DIA 161636Z AUG 72.

1. SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER MARSHAL ANDREI A. GRECHKO AND CHIEF OF
MAIN POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOVIET ARMY AND NAVY GEN ALEXEI A.
YEPISHEV ARRIVED IN PRAGUE 13 SEP TO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISES.
2. EXERCISE OPERATIONS ON 13 SEP (OBSERVED BY GRECHKO, YEPISHEV,
HUSAK, SVOBODA, STROUGAL AND OTHER OFFLS) INVOLVED VARIOUS UNITS
AND WEAPONRY. ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED SCRIPT, THE "ENEMY" INVADED,
TOOK FAVORABLE POSITION IN HILLS, AND PUT UP STRONG RESISTANCE
AGAINST SUBSEQUENT ATTACK BY SOVIET MOTORIZED INFANTRY TROOPS AND
CZECH TANK UNIT. ENSUING ARTILLERY BATTLE INVOLVED SOVIET AND EGER
UNITS USING ANTI-TANK ROCKETS AGAINST ENEMY. FORCED TO RETREAT,
ENEMY DUG UP ON BANKS OF A RIVER AND RESISTED ADVANCING CZECH,
POLISH, AND EGER UNITS, WHO CROSSED RIVER AND SEIZED BRIDGEHEAD

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FOR LANDING OF PARATROOPERS, GROUP LANDING OF CZECH PARATROOPERS WAS FOLLOWED BY INTENSIVE ARTILLERY GUNFIRE OF POLISH UNITS AND CROSSING BY TROOP CARRIERS, COUNTEROFFENSIVE WOUND UP WITH CROSSING OF EGER AND POLISH TANK UNITS.

3. EXERCISE OPERATIONS ON 14 SEP (ALSO OBSERVED BY HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY AND PARTY OFFLS) INVOLVED PLANNED PURSUIT OF ENEMY, WHOSE ATTACK HAD BEEN HALTED. OPS WERE STAGED IN MOUNTAINOUS AREA AND INVOLVED HUNGARIAN INFANTRY AND TANK TROOPS, DOZENS OF CZECH FIGHTERS AND FIGHTER BOMBERS, AND CZECH ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND TANKS.

4. RALLIES WERE HELD FOR WARSAW PACT TROOPS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN PRAGUE ON 14 SEP.

5. FINAL CEREMONIAL FIELD PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE AT LETNA GROUNDS IN PRAGUE ON SAT, 16 SEP AT 1030 HRS, AND REPORTEDLY WILL INCLUDE FLYBY OF SOVIET AND CZECH FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT, PASSING FORMATIONS OF INFANTRY UNITS ON TROOP CARRIERS, ARTILLERY UNITS, TANKS, AND COMMUNICATIONS TROOPS, AND DISPLAY OF TACTICAL AND TACTICAL-OPERATIONAL MISSILES, GDS 31 DEC 78,

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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS REPORTING OF WARSAW PACT EXERCISE, 9, 10,
11 SEP 72 (U)

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1. (C) RED STAR, 10 SEP 72, CARRIES FRONT PAGE REPORT ON WARSAW PACT MANEUVER TO BE HLED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE AUTHOR, A RED STAR CORRESPONDENT WITH CENTRAL GROUP OF FORCES, INDICATES THAT "FORCES AND STAFF" OF THE ALLIED ARMIES WILL TAKE PART IN THIS EXERCISE DESIGNED TO PERFECT THEIR COMBAT READINESS. THE ARTICLE SURVEYS THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE COMING EVENT THAT HAVE APPEARED IN EAST EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS, OBSERVING THAT ARTICLES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES, SPECIFICALLY CZECH, RUSSIAN, HUNGARIAN, POLISH, AND GERMAN. CZECH DEF MIN DZUR, HIS DEPUTY, V. VALO, AND CHIEF OF THE CZECH MIL-POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION, V. GORACHEK ARE GIVEN SPEICAL MENTION AS AUTHORS OF ARTICLES ABOUT THE EXERCISE. THE BULK OF THE PRESS SURVEY, HOWEVER, IS DEVOTED TO QUOTES FROM OFFICERS AND TROOPS FROM CZECH, HUNGARIAN, POLISH, AND SOVIET UNITS TESTIFYING TO THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE

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IMPORTANCE OF THE EXERCISES AND COMMITTING THEM TO HIGH
STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE.
2. (C) COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THE LANGUAGE LISTING IS A CLUE TO THE
PARTICIPATION LINE UP. MENTION OF BULGARIAN AND RUMANIAN IS NOT
TO BE FOUND.

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